

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A portable time-out device comprising: a ~~shaped~~ circular sitting mat with a soft outer edge that is used for disciplining a small child, said mat comprising a flat rubber soft material, said rubber material having fabric laminated on an upper surface thereof for placing on the ground and being flexible for folding, rolling or balling up of said mat.
2. (canceled).
3. (amended) The portable time-out device of claim 1, wherein said circular sitting mat shape has no seams or creases ~~for folding the mat along the seams for ease in transporting the mat.~~
4. (original) The portable time-out device of claim 1, further comprising decorative or educational indicia or ornamentation on an upper surface thereof.
5. (amended) The portable time-out device of claim 1, wherein the fabric material ~~comprises rubber, plastic, cotton loft, polyester loft, or fabric composites.~~
6. (amended) The portable time-out device of claim 1, wherein the mat is ~~circular and~~ has a diameter of ~~20-~~ up to 36 inches.
7. (amended) The portable time-out device of claim 1, wherein said mat has a thickness of ~~about .0625 to about .25~~ 1/16 to up to 1/8 inches.

8. (amended) The portable time-out device of claim 1, wherein said ~~material is~~ rubber is foam rubber and said ~~rubber has a fabric surface~~ is polyester.
9. (cancelled)
10. (cancelled)
11. (amended) The portable time-out device of claim 1, wherein said mat has ~~an upper surface and said upper surface has~~ decorative indicia comprising one or more of letters, numbers, shape characters, colors, words, symbols, cartoon characters, biblical characters, digital impressions, photographic impressions or pictures.
12. (cancelled)
13. (cancelled)
14. (cancelled)
15. (cancelled)
16. (original) The portable time-out device of claim 1, wherein said material is TBD.
17. (cancelled)
18. (cancelled)
19. (amended) A portable time-out device comprising a sitting/standing mat that is used for disciplining ~~a small child~~ children ; said mat comprising a flat piece of rubber having ~~an a decorative~~ upper fabric coating adhered thereto and said mat being flexible for folding, rolling or balling up for transport of storage and wherein said outer edge does not have a rigid or steel rim.

20. (amended) The portable time-out device of claim 19, wherein said mat is

~~about .06 to .25~~ 1/16-1/8 inches thick